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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION SECRETARY RHOODIE ON US/SA RELATIONS,
SOVIET NAVAL INTEREST IN MOZAMBIQUE, TRANSKEI
INDEPENDENCE, AND DETENTE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. STAFFDEL BARTON (FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE) AND EMBOFF MET
WITH E.M. RHOODIE, SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION, ON
APRIL 15 FOR TOUR D'HORIZON.

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2. BARTON ASKED HIM HOW HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE US POLICY TOWARD SA CHANGED. RHOODIE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO SEE USN VISITS TO SA PORTS AND THAT SAG COULD GUARANTEE NON/DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FOR CREWS. HE ALSO THOUGHT US SHOULD SEE WEAPONS THAT COULD BE USED ONLY IN PROTECTING CAPE ROUTE. ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD STOP MANIFESTING "SELECTIVE INDIGNATION" AGAINST SA RACE POLICIES.

3. ON MOZAMBIQUE, RHOODIE SAID HE "KNEW" SOVIETS WERE DICKERING FOR NAVAL BASE OR USE OF FACILITIES EITHER IN LOURENCO MARQUES OR NACALA.

4. EMBOFF ASKED HIM WHAT AFRICAN STATES WOULD RECOGNIZE AN INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI. HE SAID HE HOPED FOR BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, MALAWI, IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, GABON, ZAMBIA. THE CAR, AND OF COURSE SA.

5. LAST POINT OF INTEREST WAS RHOODIE'S STATEMENT THAT VORSTER'S EFFORTS AT DETENTE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE BEEN GREATLY HELPED BY OPENING OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING. SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE MADE POINT TO LEADERS OF BLACK STATES THAT IF COUNTRIES AS ANTAGONISTIC AS THE US AND THE PRC CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER, THEN SO CAN THE BLACK STATES AND SA. RHOODIE CLAIMS LEADERS IN SEVERAL BLACK STATES WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THIS ANALOGY.
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